

**U.S.S.N. 09/444,762**  
**BRYAN, Bruce**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**REMARKS**

A check (\$292) for the fees for excess claims (\$72) and the attached Terminal Disclaimers (\$220) is enclosed. Any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper, or during the entire pendency of this application, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. Four Terminal Disclaimers are attached hereto.

Examiner Robert Wax is thanked for his courtesy extended in telephonic a interview regarding this case. In that interview, initiated in connection with a co-pending related case, Examiner Wax agreed that generic claims should be allowable in this case. He also indicated that this application was not assigned to him, but in view of the fact that he has examined all of the related cases, the case could be transferred to him. It was agreed cancel subject matter that has not as yet been examined and to file terminal disclaimers to the issued patent and allowed or allowable copending applications. These terminal disclaimers are filed herewith, and are provided in reliance upon his statement that generic claims will be allowed in this case, and that such terminal disclaimers may be needed if this case issues after the other co-pending cases. Accordingly, applicant reserves the right to withdraw the Terminal Disclaimers if they become unnecessary because of the progress of the prosecution of this and/or the related cases.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-43, 47-50, and 52 are presently pending. Claims 3-5 are amended to correct minor obvious language inconsistencies. Claims 53-63 are added pursuant to telephonic discussions with the Examiner, who indicated that generic claims should be allowable. Claim 52 is original claim 1 in the parent application U.S. application Serial No. 08/597,274, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. Basis may also be found throughout the specification.

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Entry of this amendment and examination and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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